

REMARKS

Claims 16, 18-20, 22-26, 30 and 31 are pending with entry of the current amendment. Claim 29 is canceled herewith.

The Office Action indicates that Claims 16, 18-20 and 22-26 contain allowable subject matter, subject to the correction of Claim 16. Accordingly, Claim 16 is amended to insert "the" before the word "adjacent" in line 5, thus overcoming the Examiner's objection.

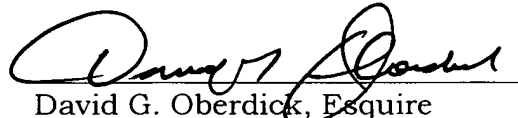
Claim 30 was said to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection. Claim 30 is amended to clarify that the 4-prong connector is claimed, not the connector in combination with the mat panels. A new claim, Claim 31, is added, to cover the mat panels in combination with the 4-prong connectors. No new matter is added by the addition of this claim; the subject matter of this claim is clearly indicated in Figures 5-7 and 8, and described in the specification at beginning at page 15 line 19.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and advancement of all pending claims, Claims 16, 18-20, 22-26 and 30-31, to Allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at an early date.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please be authorized to charge and fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3325. The below-signed is an authorized user of the Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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